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Good Morning RSC Members,

Currently there is a 45-day comment period open through 8 p.m. Eastern, Monday, May 10, 2021 for the subject project. The project proposes revisions to the following standards and has an associated Implementation Plan:

-CIP-004-X - Cyber Security - Personnel & Training

-CIP-011-X - Cyber Security - Information Protection

Due to projects 2019-02 BES Cyber System Information Access Management (BCSI) and 2016-02 Modification to CIP Standards (2016-02) both modifying CIP-004 and CIP-011 concurrently, an "-X" has been added in place of the version numbers for the BCSI and a "-Y" for them in the 2016-02 standards project. Once both projects are completed and approved by stakeholders, NERC Staff indicated that each "x" and "y" version of the standards will be combined into single version(s), prior to submission to the NERC Board of Trustees for their approval.

In brief, this proposed project was initiated to clarify the protections expected when utilizing third-party solutions (e.g., cloud services). The NPCC Task Force on Infrastructure Security Technology (TFIST) has reviewed the proposed revisions and although there are opportunities for additional clarity, TFIST recommends an **Affirmative** ballot and **Positive opinion** on the non-binding polls. NPCC as the Regional Entity will be voting in accordance with TFIST recommendations. If your organization intends to vote otherwise, please inform me and the reason(s) why by COB May 5, 2021.

The "Additional Ballot" for these two standards, Implementation Plan, and the associated Violation Risk Factors (VRFs) and Violation Severity Levels (VSLs) non-binding polls is being conducted through 8 pm May 10, 2021.

Thanks,

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